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All the King's Tables

The Mix-Up at Fahd's Feast

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The Washington power structure, which prides itself on having seen everything at one time or another, never saw anything quite like Saudi King Fahd's dinner for 600-plus of his best American friends last night.

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"It's about the most plush dinner I've ever attended in Washington,"

said former representative Paul Findley (R-Ill.). "The only thing to rival it was Jimmy Carter's dinner on the South Lawn for Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin."

Findley called it "an impressive assembly of people—almost the entire index of my new book is here tonight."

Findley's book, "They Dare to Speak Out—People and Institutions Confront Israel's Lobby," is being published by Lawrence Hill and Co. of West Point, Conn. "I went to several of the major houses but they said it was too controversial," said Findley, who blames his 1982 defeat in part on his challenge to U.S. policy regarding Israel.

Others in the crowd were Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of State George Shultz, Attorney General William French Smith, CIA Director William Casey, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. John Vessey, former Senate majority leader Howard Baker, former senator Charles Percy, former Cabinet members Cyrus Vance, George Ball, Elliot Richardson, Philip Klutznick and James Schlesinger, and Time magazine editor in chief Henry Grunwald.

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